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1. ELIZABETH B. FORD, FIRST LADY

MRS. FORD WAS BORN ELIZABETH ANNE BLOOMER IN CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS ON APRIL 8, 1918. HER FAMILY MOVED TO GRAND
RAPIDS WHEN SHE WAS THREE YEARS OLD. AFTER GRADUATING FROM
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN GRAND RAPIDS IN 1936, MRS. FORD
ATTENDED THE BENNINGTON SCHOOL OF DANCE IN VERMONT FOR TWO
YEARS. SHE MAJORED IN MODERN DANCE THERE, STUDYING UNDER
MARTHA GRAHAM, DORIS HUMPHREY, CHARLES WEIDMAN AND HANYA
HOLM.

HER EARLY PROFESSIONAL CAREER WAS SPENT IN NEW YORK, ALSO
STUDYING IN A MORE INTENSIVE DANCE COURSE UNDER MARTHA
GRAHAM AND EVENTUALLY AS A MEMBER OF THE MARTHA GRAHAM CON-
CERT GROUP. SHE ALSO MODELED PART-TIME THIS PERIOD.

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SHE RETURNED TO GRAND RAPIDS IN 1941, ORGANIZING HER OWN
DANCE GROUP AND TAKING A JOB AS A MODEL AND FASHION CO-
ORDINATOR FOR A DEPARTMENT STORE. AS A VOLUNTEER, SHE BE-
CAME INVOLVED WITH TEACHING MOVEMENT AND DANCE TO CRIPPLED

AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

SHE MARRIED GERALD FORD ON OCTOBER 15, 1948, THE YEAR HE FIRST RAN AND WON THE SEAT AS CONGRESSMAN FROM GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. THEY ARE THE PARENTS OF FOUR CHILDREN: MIKE, JACK, STEVE AND SUSAN.

SINCE HER MARRIAGE, MRS. FORD HAS CONCENTRATED ON RAISING THE FAMILY AND BEING WIFE AND HELPMATE TO THE PRESIDENT. SHE HAS A GREAT MANY PERSONAL INTERESTS AS WELL, RANGING FROM THE ARTS AND MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN TO WOMENS RIGHTS.

2. HENRY A. KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.

HENRY A. KISSINGER WAS SWORN IN AS THE 56TH SECRETARY OF STATE SEPTEMBER 22, 1973, IN A CEREMONY IN THE EAST ROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE. HE ALSO CONTINUES TO SERVE IN HIS WHITE HOUSE POSITION AS ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. DR. KISSINGER BECAME ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS IN JANUARY 1969. SINCE 1954 HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY BOTH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND AT THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FROM 1957 TO 1960. HE SERVED AS STUDY DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FOREIGN POLICY, FOR THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FROM 1955 TO 1956, AND DIRECTOR OF THE HARVARD INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN 1951.

DR. KISSINGER IS THE AUTHOR OF SIX BOOKS AND OVER FORTY ARTICLES ON FOREIGN POLICY. HE IS A RECIPIENT OF THE GUGGENHEIM FELLOWSHIP (1965-66), THE WOODROW WILSON PRIZE (1958) FOR THE BEST BOOK IN THE FIELDS OF GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND IN 1973 WAS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

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A SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATE OF HARVARD COLLEGE, HE RECEIVED HIS M.A. IN 1952 AND PH.D. IN 1954 FROM THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES. FROM 1943 TO 1946 HE SERVED IN THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE CORPS AND FROM 1946 TO 1949 WAS CAPTAIN OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE RESERVE.

DR. KISSINGER WAS BORN MAY 27, 1923, IN FURTH, GERMANY, THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. LOUIS KISSINGER, WHO NOW RESIDE IN NEW YORK CITY. HE MARRIED THE FORMER NANCY MAGINNESS OF NEW YORK CITY ON MARCH 30, 1974, AND IS THE FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN, ELIZABETH AND DAVID, BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE.

3. ROBERT T. HARTMANN, COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT

ROBERT T. HARTMANN, CHIEF OF PRESIDENT FORD'S VICE
PRESIDENTIAL STAFF HAS BEEN COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
SINCE AUGUST 9, 1974.

MR. HARTMANN WAS MINORITY SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE 91ST, 92ND, AND 93RD CONGRESSES
AND LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO THEN MINORITY LEADER, GERALD
R. FORD, BEFORE MR. FORD BECAME VICE PRESIDENT ON DECEMBER
6, 1973. MR. HARTMANN WAS FORMERLY THE CHIEF OF THE WASH-
INGTON BUREAU OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FROM 1954 TO 1964.

MR. HARTMANN IS A NATIVE OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA. HE
SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFETIME IN CALIFORNIA AND RECEIVED HIS
B.A. FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN 1938. HE SERVED IN THE
PACIFIC DURING WORLD WAR II AND IS A RETIRED CAPTAIN FROM
THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE.

HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER ROBERTA SANKEY. THEY RESIDE
IN WESTGATE, MARYLAND, AND HAVE TWO CHILDREN.

4. RONALD NESSEN, PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT

RONALD NESSEN HAS SERVED SINCE SEPTEMBER 20, 1974, AS PRESS
SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT.

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MR. NESSEN JOINED THE STAFF OF UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
IN WASHINGTON IN 1956, WORKING THERE UNTIL 1962, WHEN HE
JOINED THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY.

HIS FIRST NBC ASSIGNMENT WAS IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE SERVED
FROM 1962 TO 1965 AS A WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT DURING
THE TERM OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO SOUTH-
EAST ASIA BY NBC IN 1965 AND COVERED VIETNAM UNTIL HE WAS
WOUNDED BY A GRENADE FRAGMENT IN 1966. HE RETURNED TO
WASHINGTON AND LATER THAT YEAR WAS ASSIGNED TO NEW YORK,
WHERE HE ANCHORED A WEEKLY VIETNAM TELEVISION REPORT AND
A FIVE MINUTE DAILY VIETNAM REPORT ON THE "TODAY" SHOW.

IN 1967, MR. NESSEN RECEIVED A SERIES OF FOREIGN ASSIGN-
MENTS FROM NBC, COVERING LATIN AMERICA, ASIA, AFRICA AND
THEN LONDON. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES, WHERE HE
COVERED THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF 1968. AFTER THAT,
HE WAS BASED IN WASHINGTON, SPECIALIZING IN URBAN AFFAIRS.
WHEN GERALD FORD BECAME VICE PRESIDENT, MR. NESSEN WAS
ASSIGNED TO COVER MOST OF THE 118,000 MILES TRAVELED BY
THE VICE PRESIDENT. WHEN PRESIDENT FORD TOOK OFFICE IN
AUGUST, 1974, MR. NESSEN BECAME NBC'S WHITE HOUSE

CORRESPONDENT.

HE WAS BORN IN WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 25, 1934. MR. NESSEN
ATTENDED AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE MAJORED IN HISTORY.

HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER YOUNG HI SONG OF SEOUL, SOUTH
KOREA, AND HAS TWO CHILDREN, EDWARD, 1-1/2 AND CAREN, 18.
THE NESSENS LIVE IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND.

5. LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT (USAF), DEPUTY
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

GENERAL SCOWCROFT WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ON APRIL 6, 1973.
PREVIOUSLY HE SERVED AS MILITARY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.
HE CAME TO HIS FIRST WHITE HOUSE POST IN FEBRUARY 1972,
AFTER SERVING A TWO YEAR TOUR AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF (JCS).

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BORN IN OGDEN, UTAH, ON MARCH 19, 1925, GENERAL SCOWCROFT
GRADUATED FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1947
AND EARNED BOTH MASTERS AND PH.D. DEGREES IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. HE ALSO ATTENDED THE
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS,
THE STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL, THE ARMED FORCES STAFF
COLLEGE AND THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE.

GENERAL SCOWCROFT HAS AN AERONAUTICAL RATING AS A PILOT AND
HIS MILITARY DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
MEDAL, LEGION OF MERIT WITH ONE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, AND THE
AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL. HE IS MARRIED AND THE
FATHER OF ONE DAUGHTER.

6. RICHARD B. CHENEY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

RICHARD B. CHENEY WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT ON DECEMBER 18, 1974. SINCE SEPTEMBER 30, 1974,
MR. CHENEY HAD SERVED AS A CONSULTANT TO DONALD RUMSFELD
IN HIS CAPACITY AS ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT. PRIOR
TO JOINING THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF, HE WAS A PARTNER IN
BRADLEY WOODS AND COMPANY, AN INVESTMENT ADVISORY FIRM
IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.

MR. CHENEY WAS BORN ON JANUARY 30, 1941, IN LINCOLN,
NEBRASKA. HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. AND M.A. DEGREES FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING AND DID ADDITIONAL GRADUATE WORK
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN. HE
HAS SERVED PREVIOUSLY ON THE STAFF OF GOVERNOR WARREN
KNOWLES OF WISCONSIN; AND WITH CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM STEIGER

(R-WISCONSIN) AS A CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

DURING 1969 AND 1970, MR. CHENEY WAS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. IN 1971 HE SERVED ON THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF AS DEPUTY TO PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR DONALD RUMSFELD. FROM SEPTEMBER 1971 UNTIL FEBRUARY 1973, MR. CHENEY WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE COST OF LIVING COUNCIL FOR OPERATIONS
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AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING THE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS DURING PHASE II OF THE ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM.

HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER LYNNE VINCENT. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN AND RESIDE IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND.

7. HELMUT SONNENFELDT, COUNSELOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

HELMUT SONNENFELDT, COUNSELOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SERVED FROM 1969 THROUGH 1973 AS A SENIOR STAFF MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL FOR EUROPE AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HE WAS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FROM 1952 TO 1969 SPECIALIZING IN SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

FROM 1966 TO 1969, MR. SONNENFELDT WAS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FOR THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE. DURING 1960-61, HE SERVED AS A POLICY OFFICER IN THE THEN NEWLY ESTABLISHED U.S. DISARMAMENT ADMINISTRATION (NOW THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY). HE HAS SERVED ON U.S. DELEGATIONS TO NUMEROUS NATO MEETINGS AND TO CONFERENCES WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN LONDON, GENEVA, WASHINGTON, MOSCOW AND NEW YORK.

MR. SONNENFELDT WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1926, IN BERLIN, GERMANY. HE RECEIVED HIS EARLY EDUCATION IN GERMANY AND IN ENGLAND, WHERE HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER. MR. SONNENFELDT CAME TO THE U.S. IN 1944 AND SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY IN THE PACIFIC AND EUROPEAN THEATERS AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE CORPS. HE CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, FROM WHICH HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. AND M.A. DEGREES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE HAS BEEN ON THE FACULTY OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AS A LECTURER ON SOVIET AFFAIRS AND IS ALSO A RESEARCH CONSULTANT OF THE SCHOOL'S WASHINGTON CENTER FOR FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE RUSSIAN INSTITUTE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AS A SENIOR FELLOW.

MR. SONNENFELDT IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MARJORIE HECHT.
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THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN AND RESIDE IN CHEVY CHASE,
MARYLAND.

8. ARTHUR A. HARTMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

ARTHUR A. HARTMAN HAS BEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS SINCE DECEMBER 19, 1973.

MR. HARTMAN, A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS ONE,
HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AND MINISTER
COUNSELOR, UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMU-
NITIES, IN BRUSSELS, SINCE 1972. FROM 1967 TO 1972 HE
SERVED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE AND STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE
SENIOR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL GROUP (1967-69) AND AS DEPUTY
DIRECTOR FOR COORDINATION (1969-72).

HE WAS BORN ON MARCH 12, 1926, IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK. MR.
HARTMAN RECEIVED HIS A.B. DEGREE FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY
IN 1944 AND ATTENDED HARVARD LAW SCHOOL DURING 1947-48. HE
SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM 1944 TO 1946. HE ENTERED
GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1948 AND WAS ASSIGNED AS ECONOMIC
OFFICER, ECONOMIC COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION, PARIS. IN
1952 HE WAS ECONOMIC OFFICER, U.S. DELEGATION TO EUROPEAN
ARMY CONFERENCE, PARIS, AND IN 1954 HE WAS A POLITICO-
MILITARY OFFICER, PARIS/USRO.

FROM 1956 TO 1958 HE WAS ECONOMIC OFFICER IN SAIGON.
FROM 1958 TO 1961 MR. HARTMAN WAS AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
OFFICER, ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS SECTION, BUREAU
OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. DURING 1961-62 HE SERVED AS STAFF
ASSISTANT TO THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS, AND DURING 1962-63 AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE. FROM 1963 TO 1967 HE WAS CHIEF
OF THE ECONOMIC SECTION IN LONDON. MR. HARTMAN RECEIVED
THE PRESIDENT MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AWARD IN 1970 AND
THE DISTINGUISHED HONOR AWARD IN 1971.

MR. HARTMAN IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER DONNA FORD. THEY
HAVE FOUR CHILDREN.
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9. JOHN GARDNER FORD, THE PRESIDENT'S SON

JOHN GARDNER FORD WAS BORN MARCH 16, 1952 IN GRAND RAPIDS,
MICHIGAN. HE ATTENDED JACKSONVILLE (FLORIDA) STATE
COLLEGE FOR TWO YEARS AND GRADUATED FROM UTAH STATE
UNIVERSITY. HE WORKED FOR THE COMMITTEE TO REELECT THE

THE PRESIDENT FOR SEVEN MONTHS IN 1972.

HIS FUTURE PLANS INCLUDE GRADUATE WORK IN WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT AND POSSIBLY LAW SCHOOL OR WORK FOR THE PARK
SERVICE.

HE ENJOYS BASKETBALL.

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